

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (22 March 2010 – 28 March 2010)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (14/03/10)		
			EBENEZER		CGF
TUE (23/03/10)	7.00 pm 7.45 pm	CGF Dinner Study of James: L3 "Doers of the Word" Js 1:19-27	Attendance	146	33
FRI (26/03/10)	7.00 pm 8.00 pm	Monash BS – 2 Sam: 7-8 – Dn. Philip Soon Prayer Meeting/BS – Dr. Stephen Lim YAF – Changed Into His Image: L13	Offerings	\$1,833.45	\$383.20
SAT (27/03/10)	10.00 am 6.00 pm 6.00 pm	Family Day - Church Working Bee CGF Facilitators' & Prayer Meeting Philadelphia Bible Study	Building Fund - Ext Building Fund - Int		
SUN (28/03/10)	9.30 am 9.45 am 10.15 am 10.30 am 11.45 am 12.15 pm 12.30 pm 2.30 pm 4.00 pm 6.00pm	Choir Practice Pre Worship Prayer Meeting Pre Worship Praise Worship Service – Palm Sunday Pastor Syd. Bell Sunday School Biscuit Fellowship SBC/BBK Strabane: Dr. Stephen Lim CGF Worship – "Diversities of Spiritual Gifts" 1 Cor 12: 4 Eld. Loke Tat Luen CGF Singing Group/BBK	Received To Date		
			Internal Gift	317,727	
			Internal Loan	127,000	
			External Gift	435,994	
			Art & Craft	846	
			Book Sales	2,244	
			Mission Fund YTD	3,000	
			Pew/Sanctuary	17,760	
			Sanctuary Air con.	(11,630)	
			Next Loan (Internal)		
			Repayment	\$127,000	31 Dec 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome to Ebenezer:** All worshippers & friends invited for F' ship tea.
- BBK:** Today by Eld Meyale, **SBC** Hinduism: Yoga and Transcendental Meditation. Evangelical Christians see Hinduism in the New Age movement.
- Sunday Bible Class:** Study on Comparative World Religions & Cults. All are welcome and to update our knowledge.
- PRAYER FOCUS:** a) **HEALTH & HEALING:** Olivia Ong, Koh Choon Fong, Michael Yap, Odilia, Tina, Ai Choo, Alan Muzon, Richard Turner. b) **MISSIONS: Cambodia** Life University: Rev David Koo (Sihanokville); Moses Han BPC & Rev Stephen Choi Glory BPC: (Phnom Penh), First BPC: Chanthon & Siang Lai (Siem Reap). Barnabas & Lekema (Poipet); **Kenya-Molot** June Korir; **Laos** Surish, **Batam** Ev Roska Sihombing & Pr Efendi Ginting Schools & Churches, Ev Ang Liang Filadelfia Shelter Home. **Chiangmai** Rev Nirand & Jess.
- YOUTH WINTER CONFERENCE:** Jun 30-Jul 3 Speaker Dr Bob Vandermay Theme: "Believing God & Honouring Him in Our Loves" Titus 3:8.
- HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:** Mar 28 10.30am: Palm Sun, sp Ps Syd Bell; Apr 1, 8pm: Maundy Thu (LS), sp Rev Tan Eng Boo; Apr 4 10.30 am: Easter Sun, sp Eld Lim Siah Chuan. Need helpers for Easter Service, see Rita or pastor.
- EASTER FAMILY CAMP 2010:** Apr 2-5 at Tandara Lutheran Camp in Halls Gap Grampians. Families plan early to have spiritual holiday together. Sp. Rev Tan Eng Boo. Theme: Be Still and Know – Be Active and Grow. Ps 46:10. Register now with William Ong. Today last day for registration.
- FRIDAY PRAYER MEETING:** 8 pm at Kilsyth. Calling all worshippers to come together for corporate prayer. There will be a Bible study on Galatians.
- BATAM MISSION ECHO:** Today is Missions Sunday. The Batam Missions Team will give a report in Song and Slides. Those interested can get a copy of the report from Teo Shu-lin.
- FAMILY DAY & WORKING BEE:** Sat Mar 27 at 10 am at Kilsyth. Calling all worshippers of Ebenezer & CGF, you are invited to participate in the clean-up of God's house. Lunch will be provided. Management Committee in charge.
- VISIT OF SUPERVISORY PASTOR:** Ebenezer BPC has invited Dr Tow Siang Hwa to visit us in Oct 2010 for the election of the new Session and Reformation Sunday.

Memory Verse: Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Pastoral Meditation

THE SPIRIT INDEED IS WILLING

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:41.

The scene in the garden of Gethsemane was charged with emotion. Jesus knew that He would be betrayed by Judas that same night. Peter would deny Him in the early hours of next morning. The garden is called "oil press" and sited in the Mount of Olives. The agony of our Lord is like the precious olive oil that comes from the press. He prayed, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death."

His disciples followed Him into the garden. His inner circle of friends, Peter, James and John went with their Master into the inner sanctum and promptly went to sleep when they should be praying. Church prayer meeting is often poorly attended. We too sleep! "What, could ye no watch with me one hour?" Jesus said to His disciples.

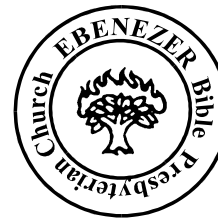
WHY CHRISTIANS DON'T PRAY

WATCH AND PRAY. God appointed Ezekiel as Israel's watchman. Eze 3:17. Christians are instructed to watch over our souls. Satan is bold to attack the believer like a roaring lion. 1 Pet 5:8. Our defense is prayer. We have a God who is infinitely powerful. He responds to the soul at prayer. Jer 33:3. In the hour of trial, Jesus called His disciples to "watch and pray." Could we not pray for an hour each week?

ENTER NOT INTO TEMPTATION. Temptation is all around us. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life are common experiences each day. 1 Jn 2:16. Even the strongest Christian will fall. Peter took his eyes away from Jesus for a moment and he began to sink in the water. Our greatest temptation is not to engage in prayer. We do not avail ourselves to God's power and authority.

FLESH IS WEAK. Our spirit is willing suggests that we do believe in prayer. But our flesh is weak when we cannot move our lips to cry "Abba Father." The flesh is overcome by tiredness. We have been involved in so many of our own chores or over taken by urgent daily matters that leave us no time to pray. Let us put energy to our love for communion with our Lord. It is not sufficient to give lip service to prayer. We ought to overcome our lethargy and get onto our knees.

Dr Patrick Tan



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 "Hitherto hath the LORD helped us."
 1 Samuel 7:12
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

	10.30 am (Ebenezer) Mission Sunday	4.00 pm (City Gospel Fellowship)
Pre Worship Praise	William Ong/Trish Yeo(p)	Shu Lin Teo
Prelude	Judith Lim(p) Asha Meyale (o)Keene Chan (f)	Jia Hui Teo
Flowers	Irene Khoo	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Pr. Lim Hai Seng	William Ong
Opening Hymn	453 – I Love To Tell The Story	1 – O Worship The King
Invocation	Pr. Lim Hai Seng	William Ong
<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>		
Gloria Patri		
Mission Sunday	Video Clip & Mission Team Song (Batam)	
Responsive Reading	Psalms 67: 1-7	Isaiah 53
Hymn	454 – Make Me A Blessing	186 – Wounded For Me
Tithes / Offering	457 – Must I Go Empty Handed John Tann/Chris Rudalski/Greg Millier/Jock Campbell	Sruart Turner/Wei Yong Lee
<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>		
Doxology		
Scripture Reading	Acts 13: 1-12 Huey Chan	1 Corinthians 11: 23-29 Wei Yong Lee
Preparatory Hymn	465 – I Go Where You Want Me To Go	182 – Lead Me To Calvary
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
	"The Ministering & Mission Minded Church" Rev. Patrick Tan	"In Remembrance Of Me" Dr. Stephen Lim
Closing Hymn	466 – Go Labour On	95 – My Savior's Love
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>		
**Next Week's Roster	28/03/2010 Ebenezer @ 10.30am	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Rev. Patrick Tan	Eld. Loke Tat Luen
Pre Worship Praise	Mohan Raw/Judith Lim(p)	Grace Kong
Worship Leader	Dn. Chew Hou Lian	Paul Yeo
Scripture Reader	Paul Yeo	Kee Zhi Wong
Musicians	Samantha Raw(p) Yvonne Yeap (o)	Han Jie Soh
Ushers	N. Lindenbun/David Leong/Mohan Raw/Lionel Leong	Rong Sheng Kee/Kee Zhi Wong
Flowers	Serene Yam	
Fellowship Tea	Biscuit Fellowship	Grace Kong/Crystal Poh

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

The Lord is in His Holy Temple (x2)
 Let all the earth keep silence
 Let all the earth keep silence before Him
 Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him all creatures here below
 Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

THE LORD BLESS YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you,
 The Lord lift His countenance upon you
 And give you peace and give you peace.
 The Lord make His face to shine upon you
 And be gracious unto you, be gracious;
 The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

My dear readers,

“CREATION OR EVOLUTION”

(Excerpts from Christian News)

Quote: High Schools, colleges, and universities typically teach only one theory of origins, that being evolution, and the students are not presented with a creationist viewpoint. In fact, they are often given the idea that no true scientist today is a creationist.

When the National Academy of Sciences in America published an educational tool in 1998 entitled **Teaching about Evolution and the Nature of Science**, they posed this question, “Don’t many scientists reject evolution?” The answer was, “No; the scientific consensus around evolution is overwhelming.”

Richard Dawkins, a brash atheist and anti-creationist, says in his recent book **The Greatest Show in Earth**, “Evolution is a fact. Beyond reasonable doubt, beyond serious doubt, beyond sane, informed, intelligent doubt, beyond doubt evolution is a fact ... Evolution is a fact, and [my] book will demonstrate it. No reputable scientist disputes it, and no unbiased reader will close the book doubting it.”

According to Dawkins, if you reject evolution, you are unintelligent and your sanity should be questioned and he proclaims that no reputable scientist disputes it.

But let us take a look at the other side of the coin. In his book **Refuting Evolution**, Jonathan Sarfati, who has a PhD in physical chemistry from Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand, and is a national chess champion, says:

“It is fallacious to claim, as many evolutionists do, that believing in miracles means that laboratory science would be impossible. In fact, most branches of modern science were founded by believers in the Bible’s account of creation,” as the following historical record demonstrates beyond question.

[The list of “Creation-believing” scientists is too long to include in this article. But we readily recall household names such as **Sir Isaac Newton** (1642-1727), English scientist of the 17th Century who formulated the laws of gravity and motion; **Michael Faraday** (1791 – 1867), notable scientist for his work on electricity and magnetism; **James Prescott Joule** (1818 – 1889), English physicist well known for his quantifying of “*work and energy*.” Then we have **Robert Mendel** (1822 – 84), famous Austrian botanist who founded the science of genetics; **Louis Pasteur** (1822 – 95), famous chemist and bacteriologist, who came up with the scientific method of making **milk and beverages** safe for human consumption. His name is found in every household on millions of cartons marked “*Pasteurized*.” In astronomy, we have **Nicolas Copernicus** (1473 – 1543), the Polish astronomer who discovered the laws of the Solar System.

All of these world-renowned scientists were undoubted believers in God’s work of creation.

Listen to **Sir Isaac Newton’s testimony**: “I can take my telescope and look millions of miles into space; but I lay my telescope aside, go into my room, shut the door, get down on my knees in earnest prayer, and I see more of heaven and get closer to God than I can when assisted by all the telescopes on earth.”

What does the Creator say?

The apostle Paul explains creation in simple yet profound terms, understandable to every man, woman, and child who is humble enough to acknowledge that life did not and could not have appeared spontaneously from dead matter, without God’s aid.

The proof of “*God creating ... giving life*” is visible, palpable, appreciable everywhere. Only the willfully blind and rebellious will not see it. Listen to the Word of God:

“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse” (Rom 1:2).

What child denies his own parents who gave him life? Even so, God’s Word says, “*Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! ... Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? ... Woe unto him that saith unto his father, What begettest thou? ... Thus saith the LORD ...I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded”* (Isa 45:9-12). Only, “*The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good”* (Ps 14:1).

But God has not abandoned rebellious mankind. “*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”* (John 3:16). – Editor’s added notes end here].

Here we resume our excerpt from **Christian News ...**

Dr Sarfati continues: “Even today, many scientists reject evolution. The **Creation Ministries International** staff scientists have published many scientific papers in their own fields. **Dr Russell Humphreys**, a nuclear physicist working with Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico, has had over 20 articles published in physics journals, while **Dr John Baumgardner’s** catastrophic plate tectonics theory was reported in Nature magazine. **Dr Edward Boudreaux** of the University of New Orleans has published 26 articles and four books in physical chemistry. **Dr Maciej Giertych**, head of the Department of Genetics at the Institute of Dendrology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, has published 90 papers in scientific journals. **Dr Raymond Jones** was described as one of Australia’s top scientists for his discoveries about the legume Leucaena and bacterial symbiosis with grazing animals, worth millions of dollars per year to Australia. **Dr Brian Stone** has won a record number of awards for excellence in engineering teaching at Australian universities” (**Jonathan Sarfati, Refuting Evolution**, 2007, pp 26- 28).

I guess **Dawkins** forgot about those scientists.

Finally, the man behind the Apollo moon mission, rocket scientist **Wernher von Braun**, believed that God created the world. And, the **Creation Research Society** membership consists of more than 600 men and women who hold advanced degrees and are committed to biblical creationism. **What more need we say?** (*Here ends the excerpts from Christian News Sep 14, 2009*).

Faithfully in the Lord

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